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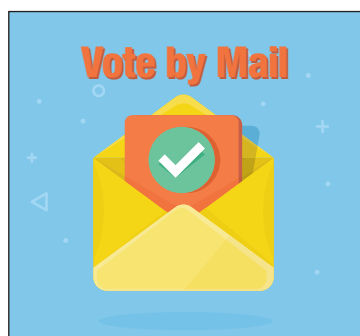
Mayor and Council Approve Voting by Mail for City Elections

Rockville residents will have the option of voting by mail during Mayor and Council elections under a process approved unanimously April 9 by the Mayor and Council.

Voting by mail provides more and better options for voters by sending the ballots to voters, as opposed to getting voters to the polls. While voting by mail will be the main method of voting, the city will have an Election Day vote center, at City Hall, for voters who choose to vote in person, drop off ballots and interact with election officials. Early voting will be eliminated, as it will no longer be necessary. The city will maintain the option to vote by absentee ballot.

Encouraging more people to vote in city elections is a priority for the Mayor and Council this term. Rockville's voter turnout has declined regardless of the number of candidates or ballot questions, from 16.94 percent of registered voters in 2011 to 16.51 percent in 2013 and 15.87 percent in 2015.

Rockville elects the entire five-member Mayor and Council to four-year terms in



nonpartisan elections during years when there are no county, state or federal elections. The next election is in 2019.

At least 22 states allow elections to be conducted by mail, including California, Colorado, Florida, Oregon and Washington. Maryland allows voting by mail in special elections and for absentee ballots.

The city's Board of Supervisors of Elections recommended the new voting process in a presentation to the Mayor and Council on Nov. 6. The Mayor and Council discussed the recommendations on Jan. 22 and held a public hearing about it on Feb. 5.

Find video of, and materials related to, the Board of Supervisors of Elections presentation, the Mayor and Council discussion and the public hearing at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. ❖



Mayor and Council Consider Partnership to Bring KID Museum to Rockville

A proposal for the City of Rockville to partner with Montgomery County to relocate the KID Museum to Rockville is being considered as part of city and county budget deliberations.

County Executive Isiah Leggett proposed the partnership in his Fiscal Year 2019 capital budget plan for the county, which would partner with Rockville to purchase a building in Twinbrook, in the vicinity of the Metro Station, to serve as the museum's new home.

The relocation, from a temporary location at Davis Library in Bethesda, would allow the museum to continue providing hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) and programming serving elementary and middle school-aged students.

The Mayor and Council are considering the proposal as part of the city's Fiscal Year 2019 budget, which is scheduled for adoption Monday, May 14. They discussed the proposal April 9. Find the staff report with the April 9 agenda at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. The Montgomery County Council is considering the plan as part of the county's FY 2019 budget, which the County Council must adopt by June 1.

Rockville's Mayor and

Council were scheduled to hold a public hearing on the proposal as part of their meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, April 30. Testify by calling 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. April 30 or by submitting testimony in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or City Clerk's Office/Director of Council Operations, City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.

Rockville Mayor and Council meetings are broadcast live on channel 11 on county cable systems, live streamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville 11 and available a day after the meeting at www.rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand.

KID Museum's focus on STEAM education, and the exploration of world cultures and global citizenship, includes a wide range of afterschool and weekend activities and cultural events. The museum also offers camps during winter, spring and summer breaks, and invention programs that guide students through designing, developing, prototyping and troubleshooting their ideas. The museum hosts preschool workshops and field trips, and contracts with Montgomery County Public Schools to provide STEAM programs for middle school students. ❖



IN THE SWIM OF THINGS ... Coming soon — sparkling, cool pool water! The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's outdoor recreation pool, complete with large slide, sprayground and tot pool, will open for the season on Memorial Day weekend (Saturday, May 26). If that's not enough, RSFC has a hot tub, two indoor swimming pools, a sauna and fully equipped fitness center. The outdoor fitness pool will open in May. Spring's unpredictable weather means the exact date for the official first day of swim season is still developing. Make sure to check the swim center's website and sign up for the "Notify Me" email newsletter at www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter to stay updated on schedules.

City Hall to Close for Memorial Day

Recycling and Refuse Collected One Day Later During the Holiday Week

Rockville City Hall and some city facilities will be closed Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day.

Recycling, yard waste and refuse collection will be made one day later throughout the holiday week. Find more information at www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse.

The following Rockville facilities will be closed May 28:

- Croydon Creek Nature Center; Glenview Mansion, including the mansion's art gallery; Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers; and Rockville Senior Center.
- F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and box office. Tickets are always available at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's indoor pool and fitness center will be open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. The outdoor pools open at noon. However, due to the city's Memorial Day parade, access to Martins Lane and the center's parking lot will be restricted until after noon. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter for individual pool schedules, or call 240-314-8750.

Parking fees at city-owned meters will be suspended for the day.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-5000 for info. ❖

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Gear Up for Bike to Work Day

Not only is riding a bike a cheaper, more environmentally friendly alternative to your daily commute, it's healthier and fun. Trade your gas pedal for bicycle pedals on Bike to Work Day, from 6:30-9 a.m. Friday, May 18. Or make it a monthlong celebration of Bike Month — see the listings on this page.

The city will host Bike to Work Day pit stops in Rockville Town Square and Fallsgrove. Participants can stop by for a free T-shirt, refreshments, door prizes and inspiration before their ride to work. More information and an interactive map of the locations can be found at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.

Rockville's YouTube channel has a series of safety tips for bicyclists. Visit www.youtube.com/cityofrockville and search for "bike safety."

Learn more about Bike to Work Day, Bike Month in May and bicycling in Rockville at www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling and www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac.

Bike Rack Grants Available for Businesses

Bicycle parking means business. Studies show that businesses with bicycle parking near their storefront get a measurable sales boost.

Business owners who lack bicycle parking near their shop or office could qualify for a rack — provided and installed for free by the City of Rockville — under the city's Bike Rack Grant Program. Learn more about the program and find an application by visiting www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling and selecting "Bicycle Parking."

Residents interested in seeing bicycle parking at specific locations can direct business owners to the website. For more information, contact Rockville's bicycle and pedestrian coordinator at 240-314- 8527 or bikeways@rockvillemd.gov.



BIKESHARING IS CARING ... Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton joined county leaders at the White Flint Metro station on April 12 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the installation of eight new bikeshare stations in the Twinbrook and White Flint (Pike District) area. Working with the county, the City of Rockville received a grant award from the state for stations at the Twinbrook Metro Station and one at Congressional Lane and East Jefferson Street. Learn more about the new bikeshare stations at bit.ly/NewBikeshare2018. Learn more about bikesharing in Rockville at www.rockvillemd.gov/bikeshare.



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Watch www.youtube.com/cityofrockville

Celebrate Bike Month in Rockville

Bike Month: May is Best on a Bike

Tour de Cookie

8 a.m., Saturday, May 5

Meet at Johns Hopkins University Montgomery County Campus, 9601 Medical Center Drive.

Join the Tree House CAC for a 12-, 27- or 43-mile bike ride to collect cookies and enjoy the scenery, while raising awareness of child abuse prevention. Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee will be supporting this ride with marshals and mechanics. Register to ride at treehousemd.org/tour-de-cookie.

Bike Month Kickoff Ride

10 a.m., Sunday, May 6

Meet at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

Join Rockville officials and neighbors to celebrate National Bike Month. Pedal a casual 6-mile loop along multi-use trails and quiet residential streets to explore some of the city's extensive and diverse bicycling infrastructure. The route includes a few paths, bridges and tunnels.

Bike to School Day

Wednesday, May 9

Celebrates the benefits of biking and walking to school during National Bike to School Day, along with communities, schools and families around the country. Learn more, and register your school, at www.walkbiketoschool.org.

Ladies Night Out at Trek Bicycle

7-9 p.m., Wednesday, May 9

Rockville Trek, 5750 Fishers Lane.

Meet fellow cyclists and hear from female bike mechanics, group ride leaders and women bike advocates. Get hands-on experience with 20-minute rotating clinics. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac for registration details.

12th Annual Rockville Ride of Silence

7 p.m., Wednesday, May 16

Meet in front of Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave., in Rockville Town Square.

Bring a helmet and bike

for an hour-long police-escorted 10-mile ride through neighborhoods, as part of an international event that honors those killed or injured on a bicycle. Riders must be comfortable riding on the street with traffic and at about 10 mph. Check www.rideofsilence.org for additional information on this international event.

National Bike to Work Day

6:30 a.m., Friday, May 18

Pit stops in Rockville Town Center, Fallsgrove and Twinbrook. Remember to use #btwdmc on Instagram and Twitter. Learn more about Bike to Work Day throughout the region at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.

Tuesday Evening Rides

6:30 p.m., June 5, 12, 19, 26

Meet at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive, in King Farm.

A casual neighborhood ride that will last about one hour. Routes are on paved,




shared-use paths, sidewalks and short sections of quiet streets. Rides go at the pace of the slowest rider, so no one gets left behind. Rain at the start cancels the ride; wet pavement does not.

Ride the Rockville Bike Beltway Carl Henn Millennium Trail Ride

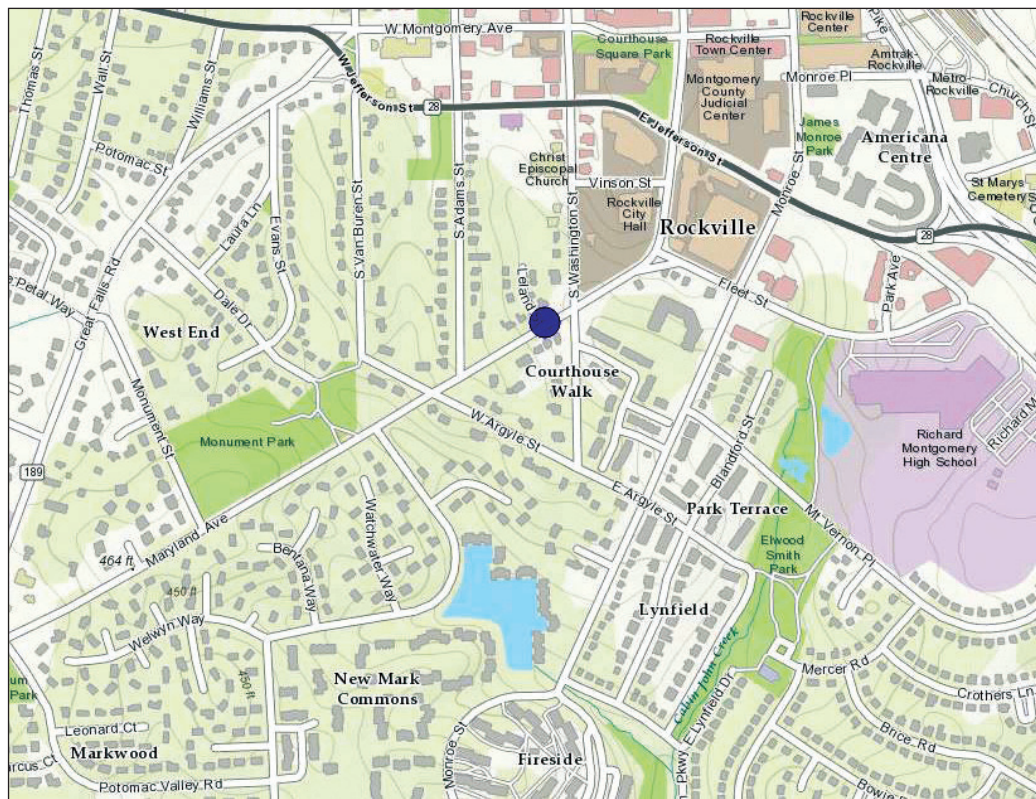
10 a.m., Sunday, June 17

Meet at Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

Ride the Carl Henn Millennium Trail, an 11-mile shared-use path that loops around Rockville. Rain at the start cancels the ride; wet pavement does not.

The Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee meets from 7-9 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac. 

Pedestrian Safety Improvements Planned at Maryland Avenue and South Washington Street



Rockville's Mayor and Council heard an update on planned pedestrian safety improvements to the Maryland Avenue and South Washington Street intersection during their April 9 meeting.

Following a traffic study and city staff discussions with community groups, City Manager Rob DiSpirito has instructed staff to make the following improvements:

- Install a median to break up the crossing distance and create a refuge for pedestrians crossing Maryland Avenue.
- Install flashing beacons to be activated by pedestrians seeking to cross Maryland Avenue.
- Realign the crosswalk to shorten the crossing distance.
- Trim back foliage blocking sightlines on southbound Maryland Avenue.

The improvements will be made within the next three months. Staff will meet with residents in spring 2019 to assess the effectiveness of the improvements.

The Rockville City Police Department deployed speed cameras at the intersection beginning in January 2017, and the city's Traffic and Transportation Division

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WHERE THE SIDEWALK BEGINS ... Rockville is committed to improving bicycling and pedestrian safety. One step toward improving safety is constructing sidewalks where they are needed. Community members can play a role in the process. Find the city's sidewalk prioritization policy, a map of sidewalks prioritized for construction and forms for petitioning for sidewalk construction at www.rockvillemd.gov/sidewalks.

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Meetings: Monday, May 7 and 14, and June 4 and 18 at 7 p.m. Work session: Monday, May 21 at 7 p.m. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. Drop-in sessions are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. No appointment necessary. Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton is joined by Councilmember Virginia D. Onley on May 7 and Julie Palakovich Carr on June 4.

Get Involved with the City

Stay informed of the business before city leaders and share your thoughts:

- **Follow the action in person:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. on most Mondays, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or follow from home on channel 11. Meetings are also available via live streaming, and on demand the day after the meeting, at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.
- **Stop by a drop-in session:** The mayor and one councilmember meet with community members one Monday each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Find the drop-in schedule at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil.
- **Speak at Community Forum** (up to three minutes): Community Forum is held during each Mayor and Council meeting. Priority is given to speakers who have signed up in advance by calling 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and to those who are speaking on an agenda item.

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Mayor and Council Approve Fireside Refinancing and Grant Support Underscores Pledge to Maintain Affordable Housing

Continuing their commitment to preserve and expand affordable housing in the City of Rockville, the Mayor and Council in March supported the refinancing of Fireside Park Apartments, as well as a \$500,000 grant.

The money will be used by the city's independent affordable housing agency, Rockville Housing Enterprises, toward the modernization of the 236-unit mixed-income rental property at 735 Monroe St.

Fireside Park Apartments consists of one- to three-bedroom garden-style units built in the 1960s. RHE bought the property to keep the apartment units af-

fordable to a range of household income levels.

A fire on Feb. 2 damaged some of the units in the apartment buildings. Insurance proceeds covered the costs of rebuilding. On April 30, after press time for this edition of "Rockville Reports," the Mayor and Council were expected to recognize RHE and other community partners for their rapid response to serving tenants impacted by the fire.

RHE was created by the Mayor and Council in 1957 to own and administer public and assisted housing in Rockville, and owns and manages more than 400 public and assisted

housing units in the city, as well as 56 low-income housing tax credit units. RHE also administers about 400 vouchers under the Housing Choice Voucher Program (also known as Section 8). The Mayor and Council identified the expansion and preservation of affordable housing opportunities as a top priority in the priority initiatives they endorsed in 2017.

The modernization is scheduled to be completed by late 2020. For more information on the refinancing, contact Asmara Habte, chief of housing programs, at 240-314-8203 or ahabte@rockvillemd.gov. ✦

Budget Approval to Include Vote on New 3-Year Water and Sewer Rate Plan

Increases Needed to Repair Aging Infrastructure

When the Mayor and Council vote on the Fiscal Year 2019 budget on May 14, they are scheduled to adopt water and sewer rates for the next three years that will help the city address aging water and sewer systems.

Under the proposed rates, a four-person household would see an increase in their combined annual bill of about 6 percent starting July 1, the first day of FY 2019.

The rate increases are needed for the city to repair and replace aging water and sewer pipes and other infrastructure,

and make required payments to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission related to a regional wastewater treatment plant. These rates will also help preserve the city's overall financial position, including its triple-A bond rating, which allows Rockville to borrow money at the lowest possible interest rates.

In FY 2019, the city will begin a cost-of-service study to review options for adjusting usage rates and rate ranges by tier for different types of properties (e.g., for single-family homes, multi-unit homes and commer-

cial properties).

For tables illustrating the annual financial impact of FY 2019 rate changes for two sample households, see page 22 of the proposed budget at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget.

The city provides water and sewer service to 70 percent of the city, or approximately 13,000 accounts. WSSC serves the rest of the city.

Find an overview of City Manager Rob DiSpirito's FY 2019 budget proposal at rockvillereports.com/budget-watch-fiscal-year-2019. ✦

State Legislative Winners: Schools, Roads, Seniors and Youth

Increased funding for schools, roads and seniors, and the preservation of aid for youth programs, were among the wins for Rockville during the 2018 Maryland General Assembly that concluded April 9.

Lawmakers approved legislation focused on addressing growing enrollment and overcrowding in county schools. That included a one-time infusion of \$25.9 million to the county through a state grant program focused on school systems with significant enrollment growth. Ultimately, the county is expected to receive close to the \$59.2 million in state aid for school construction assumed in County Executive Isiah Leggett's Fiscal Year 2019 county budget proposal.

Rockville will also receive about \$2.1 million in highway user revenue for road maintenance and small infrastructure

improvement projects. This is the sixth consecutive year the state has provided a one-time restoration in the revenue, which was cut during the Great Recession. However, legislators approved a five-year plan that, when it begins in Fiscal Year 2020, will increase the city's projected share to nearly \$2.7 million. The increase will help pay for bridge rehabilitation projects.

A state bond bill will give the city \$200,000 toward Americans with Disabilities Act-related improvements to the entrance and key parts of the Rockville Senior Center.

The Fiscal Year 2019 state budget preserves funding for youth services bureaus. Rockville's Community Services Division is a youth service bureau partially funded by the state. It provides prevention and intervention services to at-risk youth.

Lawmakers also approved another city priority, giving state and local governments the authority to deny Maryland Public Information Act requests for distribution lists containing street and email addresses, and phone numbers, used for sending government news, informational notices or emergency alerts.

A bill, opposed by the city, that would have severely restricted municipal authority to assert local control over the siting and installation of small cellular antennas, or distributed antennae systems, and to impose a fee for permit review and rental of space in a municipal right of way, was withdrawn. It is the subject of ongoing, informal discussions.

For more details on the city's state legislative priorities, contact Linda Moran at lmoran@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8115. ✦

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- **Send an email** to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov.
- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- **Volunteer** to be on a board or commission. (Learn more below.) Find other ways to give your time and talents to your community at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.

Boards and Commissions

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to: Mayor and Council, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280, or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions. The webpage also includes schedules and cancellations, and contact information.

Note: Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

- **May 5, June 2, Board of Appeals** 9 a.m.
- **May 9; June 13, Cultural Arts Commission** 7 p.m.
- **May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21, 28, Development Review Committee** 9 a.m.
- **May 3, Environment and Sustainability** 7 p.m.
- **May 17; June 21, Historic District Commission** 7 p.m.
- **May 8; June 12, Human Services Advisory Commission** 6:30 p.m.
- **May 9, 23; June 13, 27, Planning Commission** 7 p.m.
- **May 16; June 20, Rockville Sister City Corporation** 7 p.m.
- **May 17, Recreation and Park Advisory Board** 7 p.m. at Gude Drive Maintenance Facility.
- **June 28, park tour.** Start time is 6 p.m.
- **June 6, Sign Review Board**, 9 a.m.

*Televised on Rockville 11.

Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Board of Appeals (1 alt.)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (1)
- Cultural Arts Commission (1)
- Financial Advisory Board (1)
- Historic District Commission (1 reg./1 alt.)
- Human Rights Commission (3)
- Personnel Appeals Board (3)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Recreation and Park Advisory Board (1)
- Retirement Board (2)
- Rockville Sister City Corporation (1)
- Senior Citizens Commission (1)
- Traffic and Transportation Commission (1)

For more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions or call 240-314-8280.



STAY INFORMED: The Mayor and Council meeting schedule and agendas can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil. Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting. Sign up at www.rockvillemd.gov/notifyme to receive an email or text message when a new agenda is posted.

Rockville Public Safety Awards to Honor the City's First Responders

Members of the Rockville City Police Department, Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Department and Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation will be honored for their service to the community at the Rockville Public Safety Awards on Wednesday, June 13 at Lakewood Country Club, 13901 Glen Mill Road. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon begins at noon.

Tickets are \$35 per person before May 28. After May 28, tickets are \$40 per person. For more information, or to register, visit www.rockvillechamber.org/events.



Vendors Wanted for Rocktoberfest

The city is seeking vendors, especially of German-themed crafts, for Rockville's second annual Rocktoberfest celebration, which is scheduled for 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 in Rockville Town Center.

The free festival is expected to draw 3,000 visitors and will include two stages of live music, German food, beverages from local breweries in souvenir mugs, kids activities and an artisan area.

Booths for breweries and vendors will be set up along Maryland Avenue, within walking distance of the Rockville Metro station.

Find an application and learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rocktoberfest or contact Amanda Knox at aknox@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8620.

Feel the Power at Public Works Week Equipment Show

Big Trucks on Display to Celebrate 'The Power of Public Works'

Rockville will join the American Public Works Association to celebrate National Public Works Week from Sunday, May 20-Saturday, May 26.

The highlight of the week will be the annual Equipment Show from 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 24 at the outdoor pool parking lot at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane. Kids – and kids at heart – will be able to climb into the operator's seat of some of the big trucks used by the city's Department of Public Works.

The free show includes public works displays, demonstrations, balloons, popcorn, coloring books and other giveaways, and the chance to meet some of the public works employees who provide the important services that keep Rockville running. It features exhibits on recycling and refuse, environmental management, the city's water treatment plant, water and sewer operations, and stormwater management. School and daycare groups are welcome.

APWA first sponsored

National Public Works Week in 1960. Today, more than 30,000 APWA members in the U.S. and Canada use the week to energize and educate the public about the important contributions of public works, including planning, building, managing and operating infrastructure and services in our communities.

This year's Public Works Week theme, "The Power of Public Works," celebrates the impact that public works services have on modern civilization and our quality of life. Follow the celebration on Facebook and Twitter at #NPWW and #PowerOfPublicWorks.

Rockville's Department of Public Works provides water, wastewater, stormwater, streets, recycling and refuse, transportation, fleet services, engineering, and environmental and right-of-way management.

To learn more about Rockville's Department of Public Works and its celebration of National Public Works Week, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/publicworks or call 240-314-8500. ✚



The annual Equipment Show, the highlight of Rockville's observance of National Public Works Week, will be held May 24 at the outdoor pool parking lot of the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, at 355 Martins Lane.

We Need Your Support!



Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization established to:

- Improve recreational activities, programs, parks and facilities.
- Support the Rockville Youth Recreation Fund.
- Assist with fundraising, and the acquisition and maintenance of new parks and open space.
- Purchase equipment and other amenities for the city's parks and facilities.



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Police Presence: Rockville to Participate in National Police Week

City Officers Will Ride for Fallen Officers and Escort Visiting Families

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to issue a proclamation on April 30 declaring May 12-16 as National Police Week in Rockville.

National Police Week honors law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. As in past years, Rockville police will take part in events throughout the week, including a candlelight vigil Sunday, May 13 on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., home of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, and a memorial service for fallen officers on Tuesday, May 15 at the U.S. Capitol.

Officers will also attend the annual Montgomery County Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service on Wednesday, May 2 at county police headquarters in Gaithersburg.

Cpl. J. Pfahler will ride for the eighth time in the Police Unity Tour, a three-day, 250-mile bicycle ride between Richmond, Virginia, and the national memorial. Pfahler is riding in honor of three police officers who committed suicide in 2016 and 2017. It is the fourth year that he has ridden to raise awareness for mental wellness and suicide prevention.

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THANK YOU BEARY MUCH ... Talk of the Town Variety Entertainment, which celebrates 25 years in business in 2018, and offers interactive entertainment, corporate team-building programs, props and decorations, and is the provider of kids amusements for the city's annual Hometown Holidays Music Fest, was one of 45 companies visited by 42 ambassadors from Rockville Economic Development, Inc. during annual Business Appreciation Week, April 9-13. Pictured are (L to R) City of Rockville Director of Communication and Engagement Marylou Berg, Rockville Councilmember Mark Pierzchala, Talk of the Town President Steve Rothenberg, REDI Executive Director Laurie Boyer and REDI advisory board member Henry Bernstein. Companies visited included biotech, information tech, financial services, professional services, nonprofits, retailers, restaurants and entertainment venues that account for nearly 2,000 jobs and over 470,000 square feet of commercial space. Sixty-nine percent said a Rockville location enhances their business.



WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING ... May is a month dedicated to the heritage of Asian-American and Pacific Islanders, Jewish Americans and Haitians. It's also Bike Month (see the article on page 2), and dedicated to awareness about ALS, mental health, brain tumors and borderline personality disorder. June is LGBT Pride Month, Caribbean-American Heritage Month, as well as the month for appreciation of African-American music.

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2018 HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

STAGE	TIME	SATURDAY, MAY 26	SUNDAY, MAY 27
Bud Light Beach 2:30-10 p.m.	2:30-4 p.m.	DuPont Brass	Lloyd Dobler Effect
	4:30-6 p.m.	Kelly Bell Band	Ted Garber
	6:30-8 p.m.	Shane Smith & the Saints	Flow Tribe
	8:30-10 p.m.	Charlie Worsham	Southern Avenue
Maryland Avenue 2:30-10 p.m.	2:30-4 p.m.	Virginia Man	U.S. Navy Band Country Current
	4:30-6 p.m.	Dublin 5	Here's to the Night
	6:30-8 p.m.	Bill Kirchen	Animal Years
	8:30-10 p.m.	Bumpin Uglies	Jah Works
Hungerford's Tavern 2-9:30 p.m.	2-3:30 p.m.	Ocho de Bastos	The Digits!
	4-5:30 p.m.	The Polka Brothers	South Rail
	6-7:30 p.m.	Big Infinite	Lindsey Buckingham Palace
	8-9:30 p.m.	Of Tomorrow	La Unica
Town Square 2-8 p.m.	2-3 p.m.	Dawn Crafton Dance Connection	Victorian Lyric Opera Company
	3:30-4:15 p.m.	Reptiles Alive!	Here Comes Trouble
	4:45-5:30 p.m.	Reptiles Alive!	Nauseous Hippos
	6-6:45 p.m.	Chin Hamaya Rockville	Rockville Evergreen
	7-8 p.m.	RTC Dancers	RTC Dancers

Schedule and times subject to change.



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IN ROCKVILLE TOWN CENTER

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**SATURDAY, MAY 26
AND SUNDAY, MAY 27**

Start your summer off with a Rockville tradition this Memorial Day weekend, as entertainers from around the country descend on the city for the 30th annual Hometown Holidays.

The festival will feature performances by more than 30 groups on four stages on Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27. Visitors will enjoy rock, reggae, funk, Americana, pop and country music throughout the festival.

The weekend also features the Taste of Rockville, with food from local restaurants, kids amusements (including the return of "the beach" sand pile) and the 74th annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade on Monday, May 28.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/HTH

A new, mobile-friendly Hometown Holidays Music Fest website will help festivalgoers get ready for the weekend and get around while they are there. At the mobile site you will find:

- The complete festival lineup and performance schedule.
- Taste of Rockville participating restaurants and menus.
- Memorial Day ceremony and parade schedule and details.
- A map of festival parking options. The festival is just a five-minute walk from the Rockville Metro station.

HTH Highlights

Taste of Rockville • noon-10 p.m.

Located along Maryland Avenue and Courthouse Square. Tickets are \$1.25 and can be purchased at a Taste of Rockville ticket booth. Sponsored by and benefiting the Rockville Chamber of Commerce and Community Ministries of Rockville.

Enjoy tastes from Amici Miei, Armand's Pizzeria and Grill, Botanero, Brooklyn's Deli, Dawson's Market, Fresh Baguette, Golden Samovar, Matchbox, Mellow Mushroom, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Pandora Seafood House & Bar, Pinstripes, Saffron Indian Cuisine, Spice Xing and Trapezaria.

Community Partners • 2-8 p.m.

Located along East Montgomery Avenue. Visit with organizations that are doing great work in our community.

Kids Activities • 2-10 p.m.

Located in the parking lot at East Montgomery Avenue and Monroe Street. Enjoy amusements for children of all ages, provided by Rockville-based Talk of the Town. Fee for activities.

Kids Performances

Don't miss a variety of kid-friendly performances on the Town Square Stage on Maryland Avenue, including singers, dancers and more.

The Beach

Build a sand castle or enjoy a drink with your feet in the sand. Thrive Yoga will host a **yoga session at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 27** on the beach. Meet at the Bud Light Beach Stage.

Hometown Holidays Mug

Makes a great souvenir! Purchase a HTH mug at any beverage booth and your first beverage is included. Mugs are \$10. Booths accept cash and credit.



City of Rockville Booth

Located along Maryland Avenue. Visit the City of Rockville booth for giveaways and information about city programs and services.

HTH Site Map for Saturday and Sunday



74TH MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AND PARADE

MONDAY, MAY 28 • ROCKVILLE TOWN CENTER

9 a.m. • ROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND AND CHORUS

The City of Rockville-supported volunteer band and the Rockville Community Chorus will perform a musical tribute to America.

9:30 a.m. • MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The ceremony, in the plaza at Rockville Town Square, includes music by the Rockville Concert Band and the Rockville Chorus; a traditional wreath laying, led by American Legion Post 86; and the presentation of colors by the American Legion Post 86 Color Guard and Rockville City Police Department Honor Guard.

Grand Marshal: DAVID M. RHODES



Retired Air Force Col. David M. Rhodes has held a variety of civilian and military positions in his 40-year professional career. After graduating from the United States Air Force Academy, Rhodes served in the Air Force for 27 years, culminating in squadron and group command as well as leading the Department of Defense Task Force on the Response to Hurricane Katrina. Operationally, Rhodes served in various combat and leadership positions as an F-15 fighter pilot, squadron commander and NATO Deputy Operations

Commander.

His Air Force assignments include five combat tours in Iraq, serving as a faculty member at the Air Force Academy and as a White House Fellow, assigned as a National Security Affairs Special Advisor for Global Issues to Vice President Al Gore.

The No. 1 graduate in his Air Force Academy class, Rhodes holds master's degrees as an Olmsted Scholar from the University of Konstanz in Germany and from the National War College in Washington, D.C.

Following his military service, Rhodes led CSC's Federal Aviation Administration group and then CSC's Civil Group, overseeing 1,200 employees working across 25 federal and state agencies, culminating in overseeing a digital "tiger team" charged with standing up from scratch the successful FAA drone registration website in six weeks.

Rhodes is currently a vice president for McLean, Virginia-based MCR,

leading MCR's Civil Programs business, supporting the FAA, NASA, Department of Homeland Security and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. He also sits on the board of directors for the White House Fellows Foundation and Association, serves on his church council and participated on the procurement committee for the Rockville Solar Energy Co-Op. He lives in Rockville.

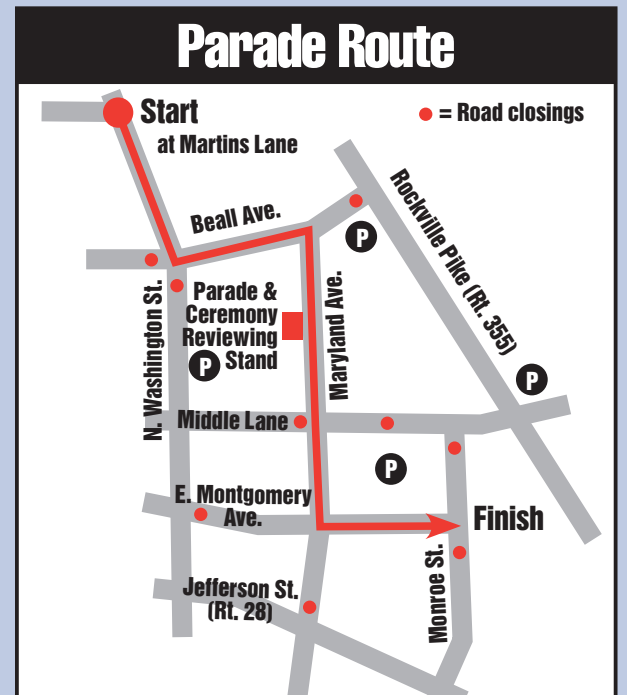
10:30 a.m. • 74th MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

After the ceremony, the parade proceeds from Martins Lane and North Washington Street, turning left on Beall Avenue, turning down Maryland Avenue through Rockville Town Center and making a left on East Montgomery Avenue. The parade has something for everyone with drill teams, marching bands, multicultural community groups, military units and more.



Master of Ceremonies: MELISSA MOLLET

Melissa Mollet is an Emmy Award-winning traffic and transit reporter for NBC4 in Washington, D.C., and a graduate of Gaithersburg High School. She lives in Rockville with her husband, son, two daughters and a dog.



General Information

- Bring beach chairs/blankets to ensure comfortable seating. Be considerate so that those around you can see the show too.
- No chairs or blankets allowed within 100 feet of the stage.
- Video and audio recorders and cameras are prohibited during evening concerts.
- For safety, bikes, skateboards and inline skates are not permitted to be ridden in the event area.
- For your safety, no glass containers.
- HTH supports Rockville's sustainability efforts, with reusable mugs and onsite recycling bins.
- Most events will take place rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, cancellations will be posted at www.rockvillemd.gov/HTH.

Assistance Needed: Rockville strives to provide access to all programs and services, regardless of disability. Contact the ADA coordinator at 240-314-8100, TDD 240-314-8137 with questions regarding access to

Hometown Holidays. Rockville will offer sign language interpreters for Monday's Memorial Day ceremony and parade.

Getting There

By Public Transit: Take Metro's Red Line to the Rockville station. Exit on the Rockville Pike side and follow the sounds of music across the street to Middle Lane. MARC train service will not run Memorial Day weekend.

By Car:

- The festival is located in Rockville Town Center.
- From I-270, take either exit 5 or exit 6 and go east into Rockville. Follow signs for parking.
- From Route 355/Rockville Pike, going north into Rockville, turn left onto Route 28 and follow signs for parking.
- From upcounty using Route 355/Rockville Pike, drive south into Rockville and use the Rockville Town Square parking garage located off Route 355/Rockville Pike, or turn right onto Route 28 and

follow signs for parking.

By Bike: Rockville is a bike-friendly community, with several Capital Bikeshare stations, including one at Maryland and East Montgomery avenues. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/bikeshare.

Parking

Free parking is available at the Metro lots (Sunday and Monday only) and City Hall lots.

Paid parking is available for \$5 in the Rockville Town Square garage located off of Route 355 or North Washington Street from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. on Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27, and 7 a.m.-1 p.m. on Monday, May 28. Cash and credit accepted. Regular Town Square parking rates apply at all other times.

Getting Home

Drive Sober: Get a ride home (up to a \$35 fare, including tip). Call 301-984-1900 and use the password "Hometown." Brought to you by the Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation and Barwood Taxi.

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MAY

1 LAW DAY AT ROCKVILLE SENIOR CENTER. Learn about advance directives and other end-of-life decision making. Call 240-314-8800 for details. Free. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **SR**

1 GETTING PAID TO TALK. Explore voice-over work for television, film, radio, books on tape, documentaries and the internet. \$25 R/\$35 NR. Register with course #3966. 6:30-9 p.m. **SR**

4,5,6 "RADIUM GIRLS," PRESENTED BY ROCKVILLE LITTLE THEATRE. The fight for justice by women who painted watch dials with glowing radium. By D.W. Gregory; directed by Tristan Poje. 8-10 p.m. Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5; 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 6. Tickets: adults, \$22; seniors (62 and older) and students, \$20. **FSF**

5 MONTGOMERY COUNTY GREENFEST. A family-friendly festival dedicated to celebrating the people and environment of Montgomery County. Visit montgomerycountygreenfest.org. Free. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Jesup Blair Local Park, 900 Jesup Blair Drive, Silver Spring.

5 TOUR DE COOKIE, PRESENTED BY THE ROCKVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. See article on page 2. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Meet at Johns Hopkins University Montgomery County Campus (9601 Medical Center Drive).

5 LITTLE ACORNS: LITTLE BOTANISTS. Explore outdoors, weather permitting, with your little ones. Adult participation required. Space is limited. For ages 18-36 months. Advanced registration recommended. \$7 R/\$9 NR. Register with course #4759. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

5 ROCKVILLE SENIORS, INC. INDOOR SPRING YARD AND CRAFT SALE. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **SR**

6 BIKE MONTH KICK-OFF RIDE. See article on page 2. 10 a.m. Starts at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. **CH**

6 CROYDON CREEK INVASIVE SPECIES PLANT PULL. Work with a regional expert to pull invasive plants. Gloves provided, no registration necessary. 1:30-4:30 p.m. Call 240-314-8770 for details. **CC**

6 ROCKVILLE ART LEAGUE JURIED MEMBERS' EXHIBIT. See article on page 10. 1:30-3:30 p.m. **GM**

9 BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY. Start a celebration or event at your school! www.walkbiketoschool.org. See article on page 2. All day.

9 LADIES NIGHT OUT AT TREK BICYCLE STORE. See article on page 2. 7-9 p.m. At Rockville Trek (5750 Fishers Lane). 7-9 p.m.

11 YOGA IN OUR CITY. See article on page 11. Check weather status at 240-314-5023. Free. noon-12:45 p.m. Rockville Town Square.

12 TWINBROOK COMMUNITY DAY OPEN HOUSE. Celebrate with your neighbors! Fun activities for all ages, children's crafts, games, food and more. Free. 1-3 p.m. **TC**

12 ROYAL TEA PARTY. Princesses ages 2 and older and their royal family are invited to celebrate Mother's Day at our annual royal tea party event. Dress in princess attire. Royal activities fill the afternoon. Adult family member or friend must accompany children. Fee applies to each attendee. Register with course #4857. \$12 R/\$14 NR. 2-4 p.m. **TF**

12 CROYDON CREEK CAMPFIRE: SONGS OF THE SEASON. Birds chirp, frogs croak, insects buzz. Learn what these noises mean; take part in a nature chorus. All participants must register, including adults. \$5 R/\$6 NR. Register with course #4763. 5-6 p.m. **CC**

12 GREEN YOUR BACKYARD INFORMATION SESSION. See article on page 9. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**

12,13 SPRING LIFEGUARD TRAINING REVIEW CLASS. A recertification class. Students must present their American Red Cross certification card at the first class. Certifications must be current in order to participate. Students must bring their CPR mask to class. Learn more at www.rockville.md.gov/swimcenter. Register with course #3586. \$125. 3-10:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12; 5-9:30 p.m. Sunday, May 13. **SFC**

16 12TH ANNUAL ROCKVILLE RIDE OF SILENCE. See article on page 2. 7 p.m. Begins at Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville Town Square.

17 LITTLE ACORNS: BIRDS OF A FEATHER. Explore outdoors, weather permitting, with your little ones. Adult participation required. For ages 18-36 months. \$7 R/\$9 NR. Register with course #4760. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

18 NATIONAL BIKE TO WORK DAY. See article on page 2. 6:30-9 a.m.

19 KIDS TO PARKS DAY. See ad on page 12. Free. 9-5 p.m. **CC**

19 NATURE TOTS: DISCOVERING LIFE CYCLES. Delve into a nature topic through play, crafts, stories and hikes. Time spent outdoors, weather permitting. Adult participation required. For ages 2-5 years. \$8 R/\$10 NR. Register with course #4755. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**

20 A SPRING CONCERT OF SONGS COMPOSED BY WOMEN, PRESENTED BY THE ROCKVILLE CHORUS. See article on page 10. Free. 7:30 p.m. **FSF**

20 OUTDOOR SCIENCE CLUB: WILDFLOWERS. Young scientists investigate a variety of science topics through hands-on activities and time spent exploring the forest preserve. For ages 6-8 years. \$8 R/ \$10 NR. Register with course #4766. 1:30-3 p.m. **CC**

24 PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT SHOW. See article on page 4. Free. 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **SFC**

24 A HEART-TO-HEART WELLNESS SEMINAR. Discover how lifestyle changes and medication management reduces seniors' risk of developing coronary artery disease. Learn the signs, symptoms and risk factors, and when it's important to consult a doctor and receive diagnostic cardiac exams. Free. Register with course #4303. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

26,27 HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS MUSIC FESTIVAL. See insert, pages 5-6. 2-10 p.m. Rockville Town Center.

28 74TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AND PARADE. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Rockville Town Center. See insert, page 7.

JUNE

1 LATE NIGHT TEEN SCENE. A recreation-based program for teens with a focus on positive interactions and engagement in safe, supportive environment. Ages 11-14. Register with course #4872. 7-9:30 p.m. **TC**

2 LITTLE ACORNS: A BUG'S LIFE. Explore outdoors, weather permitting, with your little ones. Adult participation required. For ages 18-36 months. \$7 R/\$9 NR. Register with course #4761. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

2 "OH MY STARS!" PRESENTED BY WASHINGTON BALALAIKA SOCIETY. See article on page 10. 8 p.m. **FSF**

3 TREE ID FAMILY HIKE. Stroll around Hayes Forest Preserve with a naturalist to learn about the forest's trees. Register with course #4782. \$3 R/\$4 NR. 2-3 p.m. **CC**

5,12,19,26 ROCKVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TUESDAY EVENING RIDES. See article on page 2. 6:30 p.m. Meets at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive.

8,9,10,15,16,17 "PATIENCE," PRESENTED BY THE VICTORIAN LYRIC OPERA COMPANY. See article on page 10 for more information and ticket prices. 8-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, June 8, 9, 15 and 16; 2-4 p.m. Sundays, June 10 and 17. **FSF**

9 EYES TO THE SKY: ASTRONOMY FOR ADULTS. Learn about the night sky from local astronomers. Program is dependent on good weather and clear skies. \$10 R/\$12 NR. Register with course #4781. 9-10 p.m. **CC**

14 LITTLE ACORNS: HABITATS EVERYWHERE. Explore outdoors, weather permitting, with your little ones. Adult participation required. For ages 18-36 months. \$7 R/\$9 NR. Register with course #4762. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

14 GLENVIEW MANSION AND PEERLESS ROCKVILLE SPEAKER SERIES 2018-2019. Wayne Noll, Rockville's city forester, talks about Rockville's oldest and most interesting trees. Free. 7-8:30 p.m. **GM**

16 ROCKVILLE PRIDE PROGRAM. See article on page 10. 2-4 p.m. Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave.

16 NATURE TOTS: WORLD OF WINGS. A naturalist helps you delve into a different nature topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. Time will be spent outdoors, weather permitting. For ages 2-5 years. \$8 R/\$10 NR. Register with course #4756. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**

17 RIDE THE ROCKVILLE BIKE BELTWAY. See article on page 2. 10 a.m. Starts at Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. **SR**

17 OUTDOOR SCIENCE CLUB: MEADOW EXPLORATION. Young scientists investigate a variety of science topics through hands-on activities and time spent exploring the forest preserve. For ages 6-8 years. \$8 R/ \$10 NR. Register with course #4767. 1:30-3 p.m. **CC**

23 SUDS & SOLES 5K. See article on page 12. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Rockville Town Center.

23 "BEST OF BRITAIN" PRESENTED BY ROCKVILLE BRASS BAND. See article on page 10. \$10. 3 p.m. **FSF**

24 GLENVIEW MANSION ART GALLERY EXHIBITION OPENING. See article on page 10. 1:30-3:30 p.m. **GM**



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Find the current recreation guide at www.rockvillemd.gov/guide. Sign up and search for courses, programs, classes and more at www.rockvillemd.gov/register. Enter the course number listed on the calendar entry to see more details and register.

Month of Outreach Highlights Importance of Building Safety Codes

May is the 38th year for Building Safety Month, a campaign to raise awareness about safe and sustainable structures. This year's theme for the international campaign is "Building Codes Save Lives."

On Monday, April 30, the Mayor and Council were scheduled to issue a proclamation declaring May as Building Safety Month in Rockville.

"The campaign reinforces the need for the adoption of modern, regularly-updated building codes, a strong and efficient system of code enforcement and a well-trained, professional workforce to maintain the system," according to the International Code Council, which founded the monthlong outreach program. "All communities need building codes to protect their citizens from disasters like fires, weather-related

events and structural collapse. ... Code officials work day in and day out to keep the public safe."

Most U.S. communities, including Maryland and the City of Rockville, have adopted and enforce ICC codes and standards. In Rockville, the Inspection Services Division regulates state-mandated building codes and ordinances by issuing permits and contractor licenses, reviewing plans and inspecting all phases of residential and commercial construction, to ensure buildings and structures under construction are safe, code-compliant and in conformance with approved plans.

"Through Building Safety Month activities, we recognize the dedication of our code officials and celebrate the fact that the International Codes result in the highest level of building safety in the industrial world," Code Council board president

Jay Elbettar said.

Each week of May is dedicated to a different aspect of building safety:

- **May 1-5:** Partnering with code officials to build stronger, safer communities.
- **May 6-12:** Advancing resilient communities through science and technology.
- **May 13-19:** Protecting communities from disasters.
- **May 20-26:** Safeguarding our water.
- **May 27-31:** Improving education and training standards for a safer tomorrow.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/inspectionsservices to learn more about the Inspection Services Division, and www.buildingsafetymonth.org for information on Building Safety Month. ❀



Via Chainsaw, Tree Stump to Become Work of Art

Over four days this June at Horizon Hill Park, an internationally known artist will turn a 15-foot tall sycamore stump into a work of art.

The public is invited to watch chainsaw carver Paul Waclo work on the stump, weather permitting, from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday, June 4-Friday, June 8.

A brief ceremony to recognize the artist will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7, at the park, located at the corner of Wootton Parkway and South Fallsmead Way.

Waclo, from York, Pennsylvania, has been a professional chainsaw carver since 2012. Waclo's designs have been featured in magazines, newspapers and on television. He travels throughout the United States and Europe transforming logs or stumps into exciting imagery.

The City of Rockville Department of Recreation and Parks and the Rockville Cultural Arts Commission distributed a call for entries last year requesting that artists from around the region submit applications for an all-inclusive budget of \$5,000 to create a work of art out of the 15 feet tall, 30 inch wide stump. The final selection was made by Horizon Hill neighbors and members of the arts commission. The project is funded through the Arts in Public Places program.

To learn more about Arts in Public Places, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AIPP. For more information on the Horizon Hill art project, contact Arts Program Supervisor Betty Wisda at bwisda@rockvillemd.gov. Visit Waclo's website at www.chainsawcarvingbypaul.com. ❀



LEARNING TO LEAD ... Thirteen City of Rockville employees recently completed the city's Emerging Leaders Program. The 12-session course, organized by Learning and Development Manager John Brown, covered how to effectively lead and direct others in a supervisory/managerial capacity. Class sessions were led by members of the city's senior staff and invited speakers. Students delivered presentations, took quizzes and a final exam, and were recognized at a culminating luncheon at Glenview Mansion. Pictured in the class photo are (L to R): John Brown, Eliot Schaefer, Rabbiah Sabbakhan, Gabriel Kosarek, Sean Sedam, Nicole Walters, John Hollida, Wendy Blackman, Andrew Luetkemeier, Michael Szeto, Clark Larson, Roshan Sohoratally, Brian Wilson, Jim Woods and City Manager Rob DiSpirito.

Rockville Again Honored for Excellence in Financial Reporting City Receives GFOA's Highest Honor for 28th Consecutive Year

The City of Rockville was honored by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2017.

This is the 28th consecutive year that Rockville has received this honor for the CAFR.

"We couldn't be more proud of the work performed by the Finance Department in promoting full transparency

of the city's finances for our residents," City Manager Rob DiSpirito said.

The CAFR is prepared by Rockville's Finance Department in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. It is audited each year by a firm of certified public accountants.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by

a government and its management. Impartial panels judged the CAFR as demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate the city's financial story and motivate potential users to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving nearly 19,000 appointed and elected local, state and provincial-level government officials and finance professionals.

The CAFR, and a supplemental document, the Popular Annual Financial Report, are available at www.rockvillemd.gov/financialreports. For more information, call the Finance Department at 240-314-8400. ❀

Go Green in May

Learn about RainScapes Rewards and other city programs designed to help you green your backyard and reduce pollution in a free information session from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 12 at Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road.

Single-family homeowners and nonprofits, including religious institutions, private schools and homeowners associations, can receive up to \$3,500 in rebates through Rockville's RainScapes Rewards program. The program offers rebates for planting trees and conservation landscaping, installing rain barrels or removing pavement – actions that can reduce flooding, decrease pollution in local streams and attract birds and butterflies. To register, call 240-314-8870 or email rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov with your name, phone number and address. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes.

Croydon Creek Nature Center will also host an invasive plant pull from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6. Work with a regional expert to pull invasive plants. Gloves will be provided. No registration necessary. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Call 240-314-8770 for details.

And there's another way to get green, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 5 at the Montgomery County Greenfest, at Jesup Blair Local Park, 900 Jesup Blair Drive, Silver Spring. The free, family-friendly festival is dedicated to celebrating the people and environment of Montgomery County. Visit montgomerycountygreenfest.org to learn more.

How to prevent mosquito breeding sites in and around your home

MAKE SURE all tanks, water deposits and containers are covered and sealed to keep out mosquitoes

You can help control mosquitoes at home by following the simple actions below and online.

CHANGE the water and brush the insides of sinks and water barrels at least once a week

POUR OUT water from flower pots and planters and replace with damp sand

TURN OVER containers that cannot be thrown away and protect them from rain

STORE toys indoors to prevent water accumulation – some toys have inner compartments that can hold water

KEEP swimming pools adequately treated with recommended products

CHANGE the water in pet bowls at least once a week

CLEAN ALL gutters and ensure water flows freely

SAFELY DISPOSE OF any unused containers and objects that can accumulate water

REPLACE drains with smooth piping or treat with a larvicide

Attention Dog Owners



Your dog did his duty, please do yours.

Clean up after your dog.



GOT A CART THAT'S FALLIN' APART? ... Let us fix that for you! Recycling and refuse carts with missing, bent or cracked metal grab bars can be dangerous for you and for city collection crews. If you have a damaged cart, please call 240-314-8568 or select "Order, Swap or Return a Cart" under "I Want To ..." at www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse for a free replacement.

'Movies in the Parks': Four Movies. Four Weeks. Four Neighborhood Parks.

Rockville's free outdoor "Movies in the Parks" on the big screen return to neighborhood parks throughout the city on Wednesdays in August.

Bring chairs, blankets, food and beverages and enjoy four family-friendly movies at four different neighborhood parks. Movies begin at dusk (approximately 8 p.m.) and are free.

The 2018 schedule is:

- "Toy Story" (Rated G) on Aug. 1, at Montrose Park, 451 Congressional Lane.
- "Coco" (PG) on Aug. 8, at Maryvale Park, 812 First St.
- "Little Giants" (PG) on Aug. 15, at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive.
- "Moana" (PG) on Aug. 22, at Potomac Woods Park, 1380 Stratton Drive.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/moviesintheparks.



Rockville to Show its Pride

Rockville will celebrate its LGBTQ community at the second annual Rockville Pride festival from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 16.

The celebration, presented by the City of Rockville's Human Rights Commission, will take place in Rockville Town Square Plaza and in the second-floor conference room of Rockville Memorial Library, just off the square at 21 Maryland Ave. It will feature live intergenerational performances, educational booths, interactive dialogue, crafts and face painting.

For ADA modifications, please contact the city's Americans with disabilities coordinator at 240-314-8108, jkelly@rockvillemd.gov, TTY 240-314-8137 or Relay 711 by June 1.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/humanrights.

At the F. Scott Theater: Songs by Women, Leadership, Balalaikas and British Classics

Here's what you can see in May and June at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre:

"A Spring Concert of Songs Composed by Women," presented by the Rockville Chorus.

Bryan Seith, director. Refreshments in the lobby after the show. 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 20. No tickets required.

Kids Leadership and Multicultural Competition, presented by Little Malaika International.

Little Malaika International Leadership and Multicultural Program is an activity for boys and girls aged 7-12 that aims to empower kids to become leaders, encourage them to make a difference in their communities, and promotes intercultural exchange among diverse communities. Children take part in a fun competition to become Princess Malaika and Prince Malaika. The event aims to raise support for children with autism. 2 p.m. Saturday, May 26. Tickets cost \$20; \$12 for students and children 12 and younger.

"Oh My Stars!" Washington Balalaika Society's spring concert.

A spring concert that

showcases WBS's array of stars. Svetlana Nikonova, conductor; Andre Saveliev, balalaika virtuoso; Peter Omelchenko, domra virtuoso; and other bright stars from their musical family. 8 p.m. Saturday, June 2. Tickets cost \$25; seniors, \$20; students, \$15; children younger than 12 are free.

Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience," presented by The Victorian Lyric Opera Company.

Maidens in the village are besotted with Reginald Bunthorne, a moody and handsome poet, but he only has eyes for the milkmaid, Patience. The problem? Patience is in love with her childhood sweetheart, Archibald Grosvenor, who happens to be a real poet, but feels she cannot marry him because he is just too perfect. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, June 8, 9, 15 and 16; 2 p.m. Sundays, June 10 and 17. Tickets for Friday, June 8 are a special opening-night price of \$14. On Sunday, June 10, enjoy a pre-show backstage tour and post-show Q&A.

Tickets cost \$28; \$24 for seniors 65 and older; and \$20 for students.

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At the Gallery: Juried Exhibits in May/June to Glass and Abstracts in June/July

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery will host the Rockville Art League Juried Members' Exhibition from May 6-June 15.

Meet the artists at a gallery opening reception, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6. The opening reception's Sunday afternoon concert at 2 p.m. in the Glenview Mansion Conservatory will be performed by the Rockville Singers, singing show tunes, American standards and more.

From June 24-July 27, see abstract paintings by b. gallery and Force of 5, and glass by Tamah Graber, with an opening reception from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, June 24.

Guy Robert Jean will perform for the Sunday Concert Series, in the conservatory, at the June 24 opening reception, singing romantic ballads in French, Spanish,



English and Creole. His concert begins at 2 p.m.

The Glenview Mansion will be closed July 28 to February 2019 for the construction of a new ADA-compliant parking lot.

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is free and ADA accessible, and open 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday. The gallery is located on the second floor of the mansion, at 603 Edmonston Drive.

For more information, contact Julie Farrell, jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov. ✚



Celebrate a Fabulous Fourth with Fireworks in King Farm

A Rockville tradition, the city's annual Independence Day celebration, returns to King Farm on Wednesday, July 4.

Hosted by the Mayor and Council, the celebration is held annually at the 26-acre Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive, in King Farm, which offers easy access and ample free parking, with convenient exits within a short walk of fireworks viewing areas.

The celebration includes live music by The Nighthawks at 7 p.m. and a fabulous 20-minute-long fireworks display at 9:15 p.m. There is no rain date.

The entertainment and fireworks can be viewed from the park grounds. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, food and beverages. Parking will be available in lots on Shady Grove and Gaither roads, and Piccard Drive, near the park. Rockville police will guide traffic to and from the designated lots before and after the event.

For additional parking and general information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/independenceday, email specialevents@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8620. ✚



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BE SAFE AS GRILLING SEASON APPROACHES ... Nicer weather means it's time to grill. When you do, be safe! Only grill outdoors, well away from your home, deck and overhanging branches. Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the grill. Keep the grill clean and free from grease or fat buildup. And never leave a grill unattended. Find these tips and more at www.nfpa.org.

Classes, Programs and Special Events: Summer Guide Has it All

Wonder no longer about how to fill those long summer days — the 2018 summer recreation guide “Life in Rockville” is now available, and is packed full of classes, programs and special events for all ages and interests.

The guide is available at City Hall, community centers, libraries and at www.rockville.md.gov/guide. General registration begins Thursday, May 3. To register with a course number, visit www/rockville.md.gov/registration.

New programs featured this year include:

Abrakadoodle – Read, Set, Create! (Ages 3-6.) 11-11:45 a.m. Saturdays, June 23-Aug. 11 at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Fallsgrove Drive.

Explore the Bull’s Eye painting technique and create interesting effects using colors that disappear and reappear. Learn about artists Natasha Wescoat, Paul Klee and Wolf Kahn. A \$24 materials fee is due to instructor at

first class. \$105 residents/\$115 nonresidents. Register with course #5717.

Abrakadoodle – Fairy Tale Art. (Ages 20 months-3 ½ years.) 10-10:45 a.m. Saturdays, June 23-Aug. 11 at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Fallsgrove Drive.

Adults and their children journey into the world of art inspired by fairy tales! A \$24 material fee due to instructor at first class. \$105 residents/\$115 nonresidents. Register with course #4980.

Tween Time! (Ages 9-12.) 7-11 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30 at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave.

Lincoln Park Community Center closes its doors for an evening of fun just for tweens — video game tournaments, obstacle courses, relays, basketball and dodgeball tournaments, crafts, food and music, and a Snapchat scavenger hunt! No parents allowed, so it’s going to be lit! \$20 residents/\$30 nonresidents. Register with course #5442. ✦

F. Scott Theater Offerings

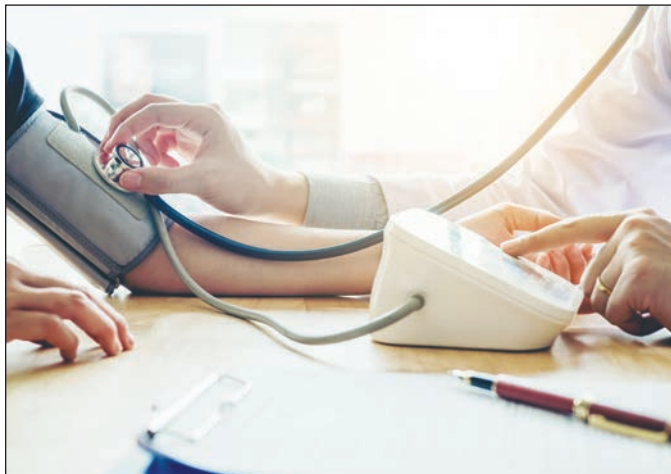
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“Best of Britain,” presented by Rockville Brass Band.

Includes all-brass music from the Renaissance to today, played by one of the premier community

ensembles in Montgomery County. 3 p.m. Saturday, June 23. Tickets are \$10.

The theater is located at 603 Edmonston Drive. Buy tickets at www.rockville.md.gov/theatre, by phone at 240-314-8690 or in person at the box office. ✦



Health is a Focus at the Rockville Senior Center in May and June

The Rockville Senior Center helps the 60-plus crowd stay in the best of health with these great offerings:

All Things Vision, a Vision Enrichment Workshop, 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, May 9.

In this free workshop, the Low Vision Center will discuss ways to help you see more clearly. Register with course #4306 at www.rockvillemd.gov/register.

Annual Health Fair, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23.

Free! Screenings, health tests, information, healthy snacks, vendors and more!

A Heart to Heart, 1-2 p.m. Thursday, May 24.

Learn how to reduce your risk of developing coronary artery disease in this free seminar with Karen Lieberman, a nurse practitioner. Register with course #4303 at www.rockvillemd.gov/register.

International Day: A Celebration of Cultures, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Friday, June 15.

Displays, costumes, tastings and dance demonstrations.

Managing Your Medications, 1-2 p.m.

Thursday, June 28.

Clinical Pharmacist Nicholas Ladikos will demystify the do’s and don’ts of medication management at this free program. Register with course #4304 at www.rockvillemd.gov/register.

Dermatology: Skin Clinic for Seniors. A clinic held the second Friday of each month.

By appointment only through calling 1-877-345-5300. Medicare/insurance will be billed. Provided by OnSite Dermatology.

Contact Betty Figlure at 240-314-8803 or bfiglure@rockvillemd.gov for more info.

Registration for the senior center’s summer courses, classes and programs begins Tuesday, May 1; Thursday, May 3 for nonresidents and nonmembers.

Register for classes at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration, by calling 240-314-8810 or at the senior center’s information desk.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter for more info.. The senior center is located at 1150 Carnation Drive. ✦

Rockville Town Square Welcomes the Return of the A-RTS Festival in May

The Sixth Annual A-RTS at Rockville Town Square Affordable Arts Festival returns May 5-6 with art, food and live music.

The free festival will transform the streets surrounding Town Square Plaza into an outdoor art gallery, featuring more than 160 nationally recognized artists from across the country working in ceramics, drawing, fiber, glass, graphics, jewelry, metalwork, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, wood and mixed media.

The festival will be held rain or shine from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, and from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 6.

Live music will take to the Dawson’s Market Stage at noon each day. Artisanal food vendors along East Middle Lane and Maryland Avenue will offer gourmet chocolates, oils and infused vinegars, and biscotti.

Parking will be available in Rockville Town Square garages.

For more information, including a list of artists, performers and food vendors, visit a-arts.org or find the festival on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RockvilleArtsFestival.



Experience Yoga’s Peace and Calm in Town Square

Find a warm namaste in Rockville’s Town Square with the free Yoga in Our City program, and let the sun shine on your salutations with this outside yoga class for beginners, from noon-12:45 p.m. Friday, May 11.

Studies have shown yoga helps lower blood pressure, increases flexibility and relaxes your mind.

All ages are welcome. Bring a mat and water bottle, and call ahead to the weather line at 240-314-5023 to check the status of the class.

Rockville Rays Swim Team is Now Registering

Do you have webbed fingers? Gills instead of lungs? Or do you simply swim like a fish and have a hankering to compete? The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center’s resident summer swim team, the Rockville Rays is now registering for practices that will begin Tuesday, May 29, and may be looking for you!

This summer, the Rays will be competing in Division A of the Montgomery County Swim League, along with Stonegate, Germantown, Tallyho, Bethesda and Tilden Woods. To qualify, swimmers must be able to swim at least one length of the pool without stopping, as evaluated by the coaches.

Registration is \$130 for Rockville Swim and Fitness Center members and \$265 for nonmembers. An additional payment of \$50 per family is payable to Rockville Rays Parents.

For information on the Rays, including registration instructions, important dates and the practice schedule, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter. Click on “Rockville Rays Team Info and Registration Form” under “Quick Links” in the righthand column.

Find out about Rockville Swim and Fitness Center pool schedules, seasonal hours, personal training opportunities and more at www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter.

Water Safety Day

Friday, June 1
3:30-6:30 p.m.

Gaithersburg Water Park
512 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg

Stay safe at the pool this summer!

FREE swimming event hosted by:
City of Gaithersburg
City of Rockville

LEARN:

Preventing drowning, proper use of life jackets, water-rescue skills, skin cancer prevention, swim lessons (evaluations offered).

Held rain or shine.

Get Ready to Lace Up your Shoes – Twilight Runfest Returns for 2018

The Darcars Twilight Runfest, presented by the Rockville Rotary Foundation and the City of Rockville, is back!

The 8-kilometer road race and 1-mile family fun run will be held Saturday, July 21.

Registration is open at rockvilletwilighter.org. The early bird registration fee through May 30 is \$25.

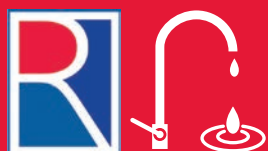
The pre-race festival will begin in Downtown Rockville at 6:30 p.m. Planned activities — weather permitting — include band, beer, community booths and vendors. The fun run begins



at 7:45 p.m.; the 8K starts at 8:15 p.m.

The fee from June 1-July 19 is \$33. After July 19 and for race-day registration, the fee is \$45. The 1-mile fun run is \$10 per individual, \$30 per family.

For more information on the Twilight Runfest, visit rockvilletwilighter.org or find it on Facebook, www.facebook.com/RockvilleTwilighter. ✦



THOUGHTFUL FODDER ABOUT DRINKING WATER ... May 6-12 is Drinking Water Week. Celebrate by taking steps to conserve tap water. Repair leaky toilets and faucets, indoors and out. Fill the sink when washing dishes or shaving. Only run the dishwasher and washing machine when they are full. Take short showers instead of baths. Turn off the water to brush teeth, shave and soap up in the shower. Learn more about Drinking Water Week at www.awwa.org.



Summer Excitement for Kids is Full Speed Ahead!

Meet new friends, play sports and games, create crafts, explore nature, art and science — Rockville's summer is packed with things to do for kids!

A range of **specialty camps** cater to your kids' interests, whether it's sports, art, cooking, mad science, yoga, Lego, theater or music.

Offerings include Tiny Chefs cooking camps for ages 6-10, UK Elite Soccer, Deilab STEAM camps, Coach Doug Summer Camp Adventures, Abakadoodle art, Hip Hop, Rockville Express Baseball, and many more!

Summer Blast, for kids aged 5-11, provides full-day care, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. June 18-Aug. 24. (June's start date may be adjusted if Montgomery County Public Schools extends the school year). Spots are available at Ritchie Park Elementary School and Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. Register by the week or for the whole summer.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/camps, call 240-314-8620 or email camps@rockvillemd.gov.

With Rockville's **Summer Playgrounds** program for kids aged 6-12, weekly themes enhance the activities at nine neighborhood sites throughout Rockville. Playground Extras include field trips to Zava Zone and swimming, and the Soccer Aces program.

Playgrounds run from June 25-Aug. 2. Locations are: Fallsmead, Beall and Twinbrook elementary schools; Montrose Community Center and park; Elwood Smith Community Center; and Potomac Woods; Isreal, Falls Grove and Woodley Gardens parks.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/summerplaygrounds, call 240-314-8620 or email playgrounds@rockvillemd.gov.

For more information on all these programs and more from Rockville's Department of Recreation and Parks, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/registration.

Pedestrian Safety

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conducted a traffic signal study in fall 2017, from which it developed safety improvement options.

The cameras reduced speeding violations by more than 70 percent, Emad Elshafei, the city's chief of traffic and transportation, said during the presentation.

Find the staff report on the recommendations and video of the presentation with the April 9 Mayor and Council agenda at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. ❖



Questions, Concerns or Ideas?

Reach out to Rockville City Manager Rob DiSpirito at rdspirito@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8102.

From the Farm to Town Center Fresh Produce Returns with Farmers Market Opening

Rockville's Farmers Market returns Saturday, May 12 to give shoppers their pick of farm-fresh produce and more from regional grower/producers.

This year's market will include vendors offering fruits and vegetables, plants and flowers, herbs, baked goods, local wine and spirits, knife sharpening, meat and coffee.

New vendors will offer fresh cheeses; mushrooms from the Eastern Shore, beeswax candles, soaps, empanadas, herbs, flowers, and other locally grown fruits and vegetables.

The market will be open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, through Nov. 17 in the jury parking lot at East Jefferson (Route 28) and Monroe streets in Rockville Town Center.

The market participates in the Maryland Market Money Program. The program helps provide greater

access to fresh fruits and vegetables for customers using the Farmers Market Nutrition Program; the Women, Infants, and Children Fruit and Vegetable Check Program; and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps). Participants' benefits are matched up to \$5 each week, while funds are available. Organizations or individuals wishing to contribute to the Maryland Market Money program should email special_events@rockvillemd.gov.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/farmers for more information, including a list of participating vendors, approximate harvest dates for select fruits and vegetables, and a photo gallery. For more information, call 240-314-8620. ❖

Police Week

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within the law enforcement community. Learn more at www.policeunitytourchapter4.com.

The Rockville Police Honor Guard and Motor

Units will once again join units from around the country to provide escorts to family and friends of fallen officers from Reagan National Airport to hotels.

Learn more at www.policeweek.org and www.rockvillemd.gov/police. ❖



Saturday, May 19 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The National Parks Trust and the City of Rockville Recreation and Parks Dept. invite everyone to visit Croydon Creek Nature Center to celebrate...

KIDS TO PARKS DAY

Spend time outdoors. Enjoy the Hayes Forest Preserve.
852 Avery Road • 240-314-8770



Get Set for the Suds & Soles 5K

The Montgomery County Road Runners Club and the City of Rockville are teaming up again to present the Suds & Soles 5K at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 23.

The 5K course on neighborhood roads begins and ends in Town Center with a post-race party featuring live music by Driven to Clarity and the opportunity to sample great beverages from a commemorative mug. The KidZone, for children 9 and under, will feature a kids' fun run, children's activities and light refreshments.

Registration for the 5K is \$40 for adults, \$25 for ages 10-20, and \$15 for kids under 10. After May 29, registration increases to \$45 (adults), \$30 (ages 10-20) and \$20 (kids under 10). New this year, teams of 5-7 runners can compete to see which team is the fastest or to just show team spirit.

Registration fees, which are in addition to individual registration fees, are \$25 for a running club or nonprofit and \$100 for a corporate team.

KidZone registration is \$10 for ages 5-9. Kids younger than 5 are free, but registration is requested. Parents need not be registered runners, but must accompany children in the KidZone.

Proceeds benefit the Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc.'s Rockville Recreation Fund and MCRRC's youth and beginning running programs. Learn more about the Rockville Recreation Fund at www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/financialassistance.

Learn more about the race, including sponsorship opportunities, and get registered, at www.rockvillemd.gov/sudsandsoles. ❖



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BACK IN THE DAY ... The first Citizen Survey debuted in June 2001 as Rockville sought to "establish better performance measurements throughout City Hall." And back then, as now, Rockville residents felt pretty good about their hometown, with more than a third of those who returned surveys indicating that the quality of life in the city was "excellent." For the latest survey, from 2016, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/communitysurvey.